

REMARKS

Claims 9, 10, 12–17, 19–24 and 26–29 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 9, 16 and 23 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR § 1.83 (a). In particular, the Examiner asserts that the features of “the load floor which extends from the front of the vehicle to the rear of the vehicle” must be shown or canceled from the claims.

Applicant has amended claims 9, 16 and 23 to recite that the “load floor runs from approximately front of the vehicle to a rear of the vehicle”. By such an amendment, FIGS. 1-2 illustrate load floor 28a, for example, running approximately in the front of the vehicle to the rear of the vehicle.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of each of claims 9-10, 12-17, 19-24, 26-29 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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